

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Initially, it is noted in item 12 on page 1 of the Action that the Examiner has acknowledged with thanks the claim for foreign priority. However, the Examiner has indicated that no certified copies of the priority documents have been received. Attached is a copy of PCT/IB/304, indicating that both certified priority documents were filed in the International Stage. The Examiner's acknowledgement of these documents is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The first basis of this rejection is that the term "hydrocarbon group" is not defined in the specification with clarity. This position is respectfully traversed.

The term "hydrocarbon group" is explained in detail on page 11, line 5 to page 12, line 4 of the specification. Those of ordinary skill in the art would easily understand what kind of group is encompassed by the claim term "hydrocarbon group". Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A second basis for the rejection is that the term "prodrug" is not defined in the specification with clarity.

The term "prodrug" has been deleted from the claims.

Accordingly, it is believed that this ground of rejection has been overcome.

Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth.

Claim 3 is rejected on the basis that the term "prodrug". This ground of rejection is deemed to be overcome by cancellation of claim 3 without prejudice.

Claims 15 and 16 have been rejected on the basis that they are duplicates.

Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, this ground of rejection is deemed to be overcome.


Lastly, claims 1-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by WO 2004/041266. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed as applied to the amended claims.

WO 2004/041266 is not a prior art reference in the context of 102(b), since the publication date of WO 2004/041266 (May 21, 2004) is less than one year before the US filing date (=PCT filing date, December 24, 2004) of the present application.

Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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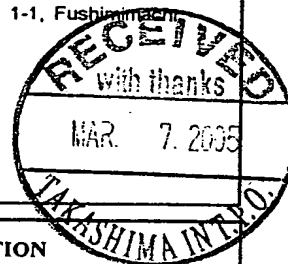
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